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PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] A CHECK FOR THE FEES INDICATED BELOW, BASED UPON THE APPLICANT'S SMALL ENTITY STATUS, ACCOMPANIES THIS RESPONSE.	
PETITION FOR 3-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$510
TOTAL	\$510

In response to the official action mailed September 7, 2004, the Applicant petitions for a three month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including March 7, 2005. Please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 29-37, 44-56, 58, 59, 61-65, 67-70, 72-83, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and amend claims 57, 60, 66 and 71 shown by underlining and/or the claims deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.

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